



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Whitmire Community High
NEWBERRY COUNTY
Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 274
Principal: Joey L. Haney
Superintendent: Bennie Bennett
Board Chair: Jody Hamm

PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A	
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	F	N/A	
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*				
EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
9	20	10	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS				
	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	83.9%	69.6%	76.0%	70.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.1%	28.3%	14.3%	18.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	N/A	2.2%	10.9%	11.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.9%	90.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE		
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	39	183
Number of diplomas	29	142
Rate (%)	74.4%	78.4%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014		
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.8%	76.2%
English 1	58.6%	64.6%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	77.3%	71.7%
US History and the Constitution	60.7%	56.7%
All Tests	70.1%	67.0%



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Whitmire Community High
NEWBERRY COUNTY
SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n = 274)				
Retention Rate	2.1%	Up from 1.2%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	95.0%	Up from 94.4%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.0%	Down from 15.6%	17.8%	17.7%
With disabilities	8.9%	Down from 9.8%	12.3%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	6.8%	Down from 7.8%	8.7%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 2.4%	1.0%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No change	13.0%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	40.3%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	26.9%	Down from 31.6%	29.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	9.5%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	44	Down from 49	333	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	68.2%	Up from 57.1%	84.3%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 3.0%	2.4%	2.1%
Teachers (n = 12)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 61.5%	60.9%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	83.3%	Up from 76.9%	77.3%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.4%	Down from 83.2%	84.0%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 96.0%	95.2%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,257	Down 3.6%	\$47,811	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	2.1%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.3 days	Down from 18.7 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Up from 17.3 to 1	25.3 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Up from 88.8%	90.2%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,618	Up 167.3%	\$8,905	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Up from 58.0%	55.3%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.7%	Up from 10.0%	56.7%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	99.4%	98.7%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	82.9	Up from 35.0	82.1	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	14	29	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.6%	72.4%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.8%	68.9%	90.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.4%	89.6%	72.8%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Whitmire Community School, embedded in the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County, offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The rural town of Whitmire is commonly known to residents and travelers as the Pearl of the Piedmont. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvancEd Standards for Quality. WCS is also a SREB High Schools That Work site and has been recognized by the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Programs.

The classroom instruction at WCS is based on South Carolina state standards with a focus on reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all grade levels and content areas with a shared responsibility of all students, parents, and teachers. WCS promotes reading and writing throughout the school and community with programs and opportunities such as Family Message Journals, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, SC State Read-In, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week.

WCS continues to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1-10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The Leadership Team analyzes data and has meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers to discuss data, set goals, and decide on the best instructional strategies for students based on individual strengths and weaknesses. Goal-setting is based on data from the following: classroom assessments, Dominie, MAP, PASS, HSAP, and EOC. Computer software such as Odyssey and A+ is used for remediation, enrichment, and credit recovery. A daily enrichment period is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices, and instructional technology. Teachers are instructional leaders by sharing best practices and technology strategies with their peers. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification.

The WCS Nature Trail is a major addition to the campus. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors. Our school was able to build an outdoor classroom, purchase iPads for the Environmental Science class, and train all teachers in Project Learning Tree with the receipt of a US Forestry Grant.

WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

Joey L. Haney, Principal
Todd Johnson, SIC Chairman